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3 Meredith Crescent,
Toronto, Ontario,
April 20th, 1933.

Mr. Norman Miller,
Wesley Avenue,
Port Credit, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Miller:-

Herewith please find copy of notes taken at the interview you were kind enough to give yesterday.

I want to thank you for the interest you showed by coming out and helping in this way.

Will you please look carefully over these notes? We have left ample margin and space on the paper - make any corrections that occur to you, and please fill in whatever we have missed out, or any additional thoughts that have crossed your mind since our talk yesterday and return the paper to me in the enclosed envelope as early as you conveniently can.

And oblige.

Yours faithfully,

W. P. B.

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Capt. John Miller. 47036

Half Page Article - Evening Telegram - Friday, May 26, 1922.

Interview with Norman Miller - continued.

Children of Captain John Miller

3 boys - 3 girls.

Elizabeth - deceased. Was first organist in Port Credit Methodist Church. She is buried in family plot at Clarkson.

Sarah - now Mrs. James George, living in Pt. Credit.

John - deceased. Buried at Clarkson.

Emma - living with brother in Port Credit. School teacher for 19 years, Pt. Credit Public School.

Harvey - married to Miss Warick (not of Peel), they live in Port Credit. He is an accountant in Toronto.

Norman - (the one interviewed) married. living in Port Credit. Is a carpenter.

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FAMILY HISTORY

Further questions re CAPT. JOHN MILLER

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1. What were the dates of his term of service as Lay Preacher on the Cooksville Circuit?

2. Of what Sunday School was he Superintendent?

3. What were the dates of his term of service as Superintendent?

4. In what year did he sail the first vessel from Toronto to Chicago?

5. What was the name of the Vessel?

6. What was its cargo?

7. What was its tonnage?

8. What were the dates of his term of service as keeper of the Port Credit Lighthouse?

9. Is the boat in which he used to go out to the Lighthouse in your possession? If not, which son has it?

10. Which son has the old Bible?

11. In what year was the first Temperance Society in Peel organized?

12. Is the John Millar who d. 17 Nov., 1895, aged 78 and buried in Clarkson Cemetery, the father of Capt. John Miller of Port Credit? If so, please fill in the enclosed blank questionnaire for him.

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Newspaper Clipping

OLD LAKE CAPTAIN HAS
SAILED FOR LAST PORT

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PORT CREDIT, May 26 (Staff Special)--One of the last of the old captains who sailed Lake Ontario before steamships forced sailing vessels into comparative obscurity, Captain John Miller, of Port Credit, died at his home yesterday in his 81st year. For many years he had been retired from actual sailing, but rather than forsake his first love altogether he entered the ship-building business with Captain Abe Block and was in it for some years, whilst for twenty years he was the keeper of Port Credit lighthouse.

During all the time he tended that beacon, upon which the safety of so many passing vessels depended, only twice was he unable to keep it burning. Sometimes, when the lake was too rough to permit a boat to approach the lighthouse, the doughty old captain, rather than fail in his trust, swam to the light after being capsized in his skiff, and so ensured the lighting of the lamp.

Captain John Miller was one of the founders of the Port Credit Methodist Church, and was keenly active in the life of his home port, being associated with many progressive endeavors there. The Indian community in the early days occupied much of his time, and he acted as a lay preacher for many years in the Cooksville circuit. It is probable the Indians were his object

when he organized the first temperance society in Peel county.

Captain Miller is survived by two sons, Norman and Harvey, and two daughters, Mrs. James George and Miss Emma, all of Port Credit. The funeral service will be held from the Port Credit United Church on Friday, and interment will be made at Clarkson Cemetery.

and Elizabeth